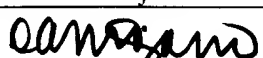


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Madam:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 26, 2002. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the Office Action for a period of three months from June 26, 2002 up to and including September 26, 2002.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 17-21.

Please add new claims 26-35 as follows:

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